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PROTEIN ACETYLATION, DECREASE AGING, INCREASE LIFESPAN

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Dear Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 6, 2001 in the above-identified application.

A Petition to Extend the shortened statutory period for replying to the Office Action for two months from February 6, 2002 to April 6, 2002, and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently herewith.

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